

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of International Application Number PCT/EP2004/002622 which was filed 12 March 2004, which claims priority to German Application 103 20 372.9, filed 07 May 2003 in Germany. The contents of the aforementioned application are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 1, please replace the heading ~~Prior Art~~ with BACKGROUND.

Page 2, please replace the heading ~~Description of the Invention~~ with SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

Page 4, please replace the heading ~~Short Description of the Drawings~~ with BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS.

Page 4, please replace the last paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:
Fig. 1 shows a schematic perspective view of a ~~preferred~~ an illustrative embodiment of the breaking separation device in accordance with the invention;

Page 5, please replace the first paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:
Figs. 2 to 6 each schematically show individual steps of a ~~preferred~~ an illustrative embodiment of the breaking separation method in accordance with the invention, which method makes use of the device shown in Fig. 1.

Page 5, replace the heading ~~Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments~~ with DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

Page 5, please replace the second paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:
~~Preferred~~ Illustrative embodiments of the present invention will now be described in detail with reference to Figs. 1 to 6. Identical reference numbers in the drawings each designate identical components.

Page 5, please replace the third paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

Fig. 1 depicts schematically a perspective view of a ~~preferred~~ one embodiment of a device 1 for breaking separation in accordance with the present invention. As can be identified in Fig. 1, the device 1 in the present embodiment is used to machine, in a breaking separation manner, a crankshaft case 6, as used for example in combustion engines. The crankshaft case 6 has a series of bearing bores 8 that are arranged in-line and which are each enclosed by a thrust block 4 and a bearing cap 2 that are intended to be separated from one another by means of breaking separation. During the breaking separation process, the crankshaft case 6 can be supported in a suitable manner. It must be borne in mind, however, that the present invention is not limited to the illustrated application, but may also be applied to other bearing assemblies or the like.

Page 6, please replace the penultimate paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

The operation of the breaking separation device 1 depicted in Fig. 1 will now be described, by way of example, on the basis of Figs. 2 to 6, which each schematically illustrate individual steps of a ~~preferred~~ one embodiment of the breaking separation method according to the invention, in which the device shown in Fig. 1 is used.